

Docket No.: 42390P6189

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

JIE NI, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/124,642

Filed: July 29, 1998

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
SYNCHRONIZING A NETWORK LINK**

Art Group: 2634

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F. R. § 1.136(a), Applicants for the above-identified application respectfully Petition the Commissioner for a three (3) month extension of time, extending the period for response to November 08, 2002, from the Final Office Action dated May 08, 2002. The petition filing fee of \$920.00 and a Notice of Appeal are attached.

If it should be determined that a longer extension of time is required to prevent this application from being abandoned, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. A copy of the Fee Transmittal is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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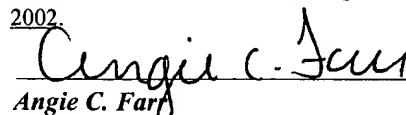
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